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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Nuisances. (Reg. No. 71, Bd. of H., June 12, 1912.)

CARE OF DWELLINGS AND PREMISES.

1. In all houses and structures occupied by human beings for any purpose whatsoever, provided said houses or structures can not be classed as a tenement house, lodging house, hotel, or private one-family dwelling, it shall be the duty of the owner to keep the cellar walls thoroughly whitewashed or painted and to maintain them in this condition; to keep the yards, areas, courts, halls, attics, rooms, roofs, cellars, sheds, and other vacant portions free from all accumulations of dirt, filth, garbage, ashes, rubbish, or other waste material; to supply sufficient covered metallic conveniences or receptacles for ashes, rubbish, garbage, refuse, and other matters, to keep the same in proper condition, and to provide a place in which to keep said receptacles; to provide adequate water-supply fixtures and maintain same at all times of the year; also to provide an adequate number of modern water-flushed toilet fixtures; and it shall further be his duty to provide proper drainage for the yard, court, or outside areas, and to maintain the surface of said yard in a reasonably even and good condition, that drainage may be efficient.

2. In all single one-family houses or structures or houses where each tenant has his own yard, toilet facilities, etc., it shall be the duty of the tenant to keep his yard, area, court, roof, cellar, attic, rooms, toilet compartment, and all other places clean and free from all accumulations of ashes, rubbish, garbage, refuse, and other waste matters, and the tenant on moving to another location shall leave said premises in a reasonably clean condition.

It shall be the duty of the owner of said variety of structures, before renting the same, to place the property in a reasonably clean condition, to provide at least one modern water-flush toilet fixture, and to provide suitable water fixtures and maintain the same in good condition throughout the year.

3. It shall be the duty of the owner of every structure used for dwelling or business purposes to keep the cellar free from accumulations of water. In case such accumulations occur he shall immediately have such water pumped out and have the cause repaired or conditions altered so that further accumulations will be prevented.

4. It shall be the duty of every property owner to maintain the existing toilet fixtures in working order, and in case a catch basin or water-flushed toilet fixture becomes useless or obstructed to immediately repair the same.

5. It shall be the duty of every property owner to have his yards, drains, cisterns, down spouts, pipes, vaults, catch basins, water-flushed toilets, etc., in such condition that there shall be no leakage into adjoining property, to the damage or inconvenience of the owner or tenant of the same.

6. Whenever no city sewer is provided, or whenever the property is so situated that a vault must be maintained, it shall be the duty of the owner, if the present vault overflows onto adjoining property, to have said vault cleaned and conditions changed or altered so that said vault will not overflow. It shall be the duty of the owner to so

construct existing vaults and vault houses that flies and other vermin and animals will not have free access to the filth. Lime or other suitable disinfectants must be used during the summer months and at other times if the vault is foul.

7. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully obstruct or damage any toilet or sanitary fixture in or on any piece of property in this city.

8. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or throw refuse or organic matter of any kind on any vacant land or lot or private premises in the city unless the same is known to be a public dump, and not on such places if they have been notified to cease dumping by the police, sanitary officers, or property owner.

9. No person shall permit any garbage or offal receptacle, stable, manure pit, barn, fowl coop or yard, slaughterhouse, or other place to become foul, nauseous, or offensive to the public or neighboring individuals.

10. Wherever an ample number of water-flushed toilet fixtures are provided, all privy vaults must be cleaned to the satisfaction of the health department and the holes filled with earth or ashes.

11. The owner or owners of lots or vacant land, on which pools of water stand or stagnate, shall, on notice from the department of health, fill, drain, or otherwise abate the nuisance.

12. No live geese, hens, chickens, ducks, hogs, goats, cows, or other fowl or animals shall be kept in the city so as to create foul odors or be a nuisance, inconvenience, or menace to the health of any neighboring individual.

13. It shall be the duty of the owner of vacant lots strewn or littered with rubbish, paper, cans, garbage, ashes, refuse, or waste matter of any kind to cause said rubbish, etc., to be removed and the lot posted, and when said cleaning and posting have been done it shall be the duty of the sanitary inspectors to notify the persons in all neighboring residences to refrain from further dumping, and to cause the prosecution of any person found littering the lot in the future.

14. Wherever no city sewer is provided in a street, it shall be unlawful to drain waste water of any kind over the surface of the sidewalk, but all water must be conducted by means of suitable pipes beneath the sidewalk to the gutter.

PLACES OF REFRESHMENT.

15. The owners or operators of all soda fountains and other places where drinks, ice cream, etc., are sold at retail to the public must maintain said places in a clean sanitary condition; all glasses, dishes, spoons, etc., must be properly and thoroughly cleaned after each use, and all sirups, crushed fruits, ice cream, etc., must be protected from dirt, dust, flies, and other contaminations.

16. All places where candy, ice cream, mineral waters, bottled drinks, preserved fruits, and other food products are prepared, made, manufactured, combined, assembled, sorted, etc., and all places where such products are sold to the public must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

PUBLIC VEHICLES.

17. Every corporation or person owning, operating, or controlling any car or vehicle for the transportation of persons shall maintain the said cars or vehicles in a sanitary condition and shall provide good and sufficient ventilation for the same.

PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.

18. Every corporation owner or operator of theaters, picture houses, hotels, rooming houses, amusement resorts, and other places where the public congregate shall maintain such places in a sanitary condition and provide ample and adequate toilet facilities for both sexes.

OFFENSIVE ODORS.

20. No person shall burn or suffer to be burned within the city any garbage, bones, refuse woolen, silk, leather, or rubber goods, or other substances so that the same shall give rise to offensive odors or gases.

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES.

22. All nuisances and faulty conditions described and defined in the above paragraphs shall, when their existence is determined by the health department, be corrected, improved, or eliminated in accordance with the directions and to the satisfaction of the health department.

Tenement Houses—Maintenance of. (Regs. Bd. of H.)

[Reg. No. 22, adopted May 15, 1912.]

No person who is owner or has charge or control of any tenement house or building shall let apartments therein unless such house or building is properly ventilated and provided with properly constructed water-closets or privies, and provided with an adequate water supply, nor shall any such person permit any such house or building or any of the apartments therein to become damp, unhealthy, or overcrowded with occupants.

[Reg. No. 23, adopted June 5, 1912.]

Whenever the department of health shall be satisfied that the number of persons occupying any tenement, building, or room is so great as to be the cause of nuisance or sickness, or whenever the apartments used for lodging are damp or are not properly provided with water, privies, or vaults, the department shall serve a written notice upon the owner or agent to correct or remove the objections named, and if they neglect or refuse to obey such notice the board of health will, after a reasonable length of time, put the same in proper order at the expense of the property owner.

Factories and Offices—Cuspidors to be Supplied in. (Reg. No. 67, Bd. of H., July 24, 1912.)

That every factory, business house, mercantile house, and office provide a cuspidor for each 10 employees of such factory, business house, mercantile house, and office, and in no case shall there be less than one cuspidor, said cuspidor to be placed according to convenience of employees in respect to the distribution of the employees over the floor space. All such cuspidors must be kept clean by the owner or owners of any such factory, business house, mercantile house, and office.

2. Whoever violates any provision of this order and regulation or obstructs or interferes with the execution hereof shall be fined not to exceed \$100 or imprisonment for not to exceed 90 days, or both, but there shall be no imprisonment for a first offense and each prosecution shall be as for a first offense unless the affidavit upon which the prosecution is instituted contained the allegation that the offense is a second or repeated offense.

3. If such violation, obstruction, or interference be by a corporation, it shall forfeit and pay to the city of Cincinnati a sum not to exceed \$300, to be collected in a civil action brought in the name of the municipality.

4. Any officer of the city of Cincinnati having authority in the matter of this order and regulation who permits a violation hereof shall be subject to fine or imprisonment as provided in section 2 hereof.